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EIGHTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION CHECK-LIST OF
NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS.

TWO YEARS have elapsed since the publication of the Seventh Supplement to the A. O. U. Check-List of North American Birds, during which period the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature has held three sessions,—one in Cambridge and two in Washington. Five of the decisions reached by the Committee at its first Washington meeting were incorporated in the second edition of the Check-List, published in December, 1895. These are included below with the others, and are distinguished by an asterisk prefixed to the marginal number of the species. In the subjoined list are included all of the cases published in 'The Auk' for January, 1897, they having come before the Committee at its last session, in proof sheets of this number of 'The Auk'.

As heretofore, the numbers at the left of the scientific names facilitate collation with the Check-List. The interpolated species and subspecies are numbered in accordance with the provision made therefor in the Code of Nomenclature (p. 14, last paragraph).

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I. ADDITIONS.

108.1. *Oceanodroma socorroensis* TOWNSEND.

Socorro Petrel.

Oceanodroma socorroensis TOWNSEND, Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus.
XIII, 1890, 134.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Islands off west coast of Mexico, north to San Diego, Cal. (Cf. ANTHONY, Auk, XIII, Oct. 1895, 387.)

GENUS **MERGUS** LINNÆUS.

Mergus LINN. S. N. ed. 10, 1758, 129. Type, by elimination, *Mergus albellus* LINN.

[131.1.] **Mergus albellus** LINN.

Smew.

Mergus albellus LINN. S. N. ed. 10, 1758, 129.

[B 614, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—In summer, northern Europe and Asia; in winter, south to the Mediterranean, northern India, China and Japan. Accidental in northern North America. (Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1896, 467, 468.)

GENUS **CASARCA** BONAPARTE.

Casarca BON. Geogr. & Comp. List, 1838, 56. Type, *Anas rutila* PALL. = *Anas casarca* LINN.

[141.1.] **Casarca casarca** (LINN.).

Ruddy Sheldrake.

Anas casarca LINN. S. N. ed. 12, III, App. 1768, 224.

Casarca casarca ALLEN, Auk, XIII, 1896, 164, 243.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Southern Europe and southern Asia, south to northern Africa. Accidental in Greenland, Iceland, and the Scandinavian Peninsula. (Cf. ALLEN, Auk, *l. c.*)

[171.1.] **Anser fabalis** (LATH.).

Bean Goose.

Anas fabalis LATH. Gen. Syn. Suppl. I, 1787, 297.

Anser fabalis SALVAD. Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus. XXVII, 1895, 99.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Northern Asia, eastward into northern Europe; in winter south to southern Europe and northern Africa. Accidental in Greenland. (Cf. SALVADORI, *l. c.*)

201c. ***Ardea virescens anthonyi* MEARNs.**

Anthony's Green Heron.

Ardea virescens anthonyi MEARNs, Auk, XII, July, 1895, 257.

[B 493, *part*, C 457, *part*, R 497, *part*, C 663, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Arid region of southwestern United States, and southward into Mexico.

SUBGENUS **ASARCIA** SHARPE.

Asarcia SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus. XXIV, 1896, 86.

Type, *Parra variabilis* LINN. 1766 = *Fulica spinosa* LINN. 1758. (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 88.)

The genus *Asarcia* SHARPE is accepted as a subgenus.

302d. ***Lagopus rupestris townsendi* ELLIOT.**

Townsend's Ptarmigan.

Lagopus rupestris townsendi ELLIOT, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 26.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Kyska and Adak Islands, Aleutian Chain.

302.1. ***Lagopus evermanni* ELLIOT.**

Evermann's Ptarmigan.

Lagopus evermanni ELLIOT, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 25, pl. iii.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Attu, one of the Aleutian Islands, Alaska.

SUBGENUS **BREWSTERIA** MAYNARD.

Brewsteria MAYNARD, Bds. East. N. Am. pt. 40 [1896],

691. Type, *Archibuteo ferrugineus* (LICHT.).

Accepted as a subgenus of *Archibuteo*.

375c.—***Bubo virginianus pacificus* CASSIN.**

Pacific Horned Owl.

Bubo virginianus var. *pacificus* CASS., Ill. Bds. Cal., Texas, etc., July, 1854, 178.

[B 48, *part*, C 317*b*, R 405*b*, *part*, C 464.]

GEOG. DIST.—Southern California (exact range not known).

394c. **Dryobates pubescens medianus** (SWAINS.).

Downy Woodpecker.

Picus (Dendrocopus) medianus SWAINS. in SWAINS. & RICH.
Faun. Bor.-Am. II, 1831, 308.

Dryobates pubescens medianus BREWSTER, Auk, Jan. 1897, 82.

[B 76, *part*, C 299, *part*, R 361, *part*, C 440, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Middle and northern parts of eastern United States and northward.

No. 394, **Dryobates pubescens**, the Southern Downy Woodpecker, thus becomes restricted to the South Atlantic and Gulf States, from South Carolina to Florida and Texas. (Cf. BREWSTER, *l. c.*)

394d. **Dryobates pubescens nelsoni** OBERHOLSER.

Nelson's Downy Woodpecker.

Dryobates pubescens nelsoni OBERHOLSER, Proc. U. S. Nat.
Mus. XVIII, 1895, 549.

[B 76, *part*, C 299, *part*, R 361, *part*, C 440, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Alaska and northern British America.

407. **Melanerpes formicivorus** (SWAINS.).

Ant-eating Woodpecker.

Picus formicivorus SWAINS. Phil. Mag. I, 1827, 439.

Melanerpes formicivorus BONAP. Consp. Av. I, 1850, 115.

[B 95, *part*, C 310, *part*, R 377, *part*, C 454, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Western Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona, thence southward over the tablelands of Mexico.

(The numeration of Nos. 407 and 407*a* hereby becomes changed to 407*a* and 407*b* respectively.)

414a. **Colaptes chrysoides brunnescens** ANTHONY.

Brown Flicker.

Colaptes chrysoides brunnescens ANTHONY, Auk, XII, Oct.
1895, 347.

[B 99, *part*, C 313, *part*, R 379, *part*, C 458, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Northern Lower California.

420c. **Chordeiles virginianus sennetti** (COUES).

Sennett's Nighthawk.

[*Chordeiles popetue*] *sennetti* COUES, Auk, V, Jan. 1888, 37.

Chordeiles virginianus sennetti BISHOP, Auk, XIII, April 1896,
134.

[B 115, *part*, C 267a, *part*, R 357a, *part*, C 400, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Treeless region of the Great Plains, from the Saskatchewan south to Texas.

498c. **Agelaius phoeniceus floridanus** MAYNARD.

Florida Red-wing.

Agelaius phaniceus floridanus MAYNARD, Bds. East. N. Am.,
pt. 40 [1896], 689.

[B 401, *part*, C 212, *part*, R 261, *part*, C 316, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Florida.

544.1. **Ammodramus sanctorum** COUES.

San Benito Sparrow.

Passerculus sanctorum COUES, Key N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1884,
364.

Ammodramus (*Passerculus*) *sanctorum* COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan.
1897, 92.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—San Benito Island, Lower California.

550c. **Ammodramus maritimus macgillivrayi** AUD.

Louisiana Seaside Sparrow.

Fringilla macgillivrayi AUD. Orn. Biog. II, 1834, 285; IV,
1838, 394, pl. ccciv.

Ammodramus maritimus macgillivrayi RIDGW. Man. N. Am.
Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 602.

[B—, C 165, *part*, R—, C 238, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Coast of Louisiana, to coast of Texas in winter.

581j. **Melospiza fasciata juddi** BISHOP.

Dakota Song Sparrow.

Melospiza fasciata juddi BISHOP, Auk, XIII, April, 1896, 132.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Turtle Mountain, and vicinity, North Dakota.

581k. **Melospiza fasciata merrilli** BREWSTER.

Merrill's Song Sparrow.

Melospiza fasciata merrilli BREWSTER, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 46.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

GEOG. DIST.—Type locality, Fort Sherman, Idaho.

* 581.1. **Melospiza insignis** BAIRD.

Bischoff's Song Sparrow.

Melospiza insignis BAIRD, Trans. Chicago Acad. Sci. I, 1869, 319, pl. xxix, fig. 2.

(Cf. RICHMOND, Auk, XII, Apr. 1895, 144. Also Check-List, 2d ed. 1895, 243.)

585d. **Passerella iliaca stephensi** ANTHONY.

Stephens's Sparrow.

Passerella iliaca stephensi ANTHONY, Auk, XII, Oct. 1895, 348.

[B 376a, part, C—, R 235b, part, C 285, part.]

GEOG. DIST.—Mountains of southern California (type locality, San Jacinto Mts.).

593d. **Cardinalis cardinalis floridanus** RIDGW.

Florida Cardinal.

Cardinalis cardinalis floridanus RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 606.

[B 390, part, C 203, part, R 242, part, C 299, part.]

GEOG. DIST.—Florida.

648a. **Compsothlypis americana usneæ** BREWSTER.

Northern Parula Warbler.

Compsothlypis americana usneæ BREWSTER, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 44.

[B 168, *part*, C 58, *part*, R 88, *part*, C 93, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—New England, New York, and westward along the northern tier of States, and northward into the Maritime Provinces and Ontario, migrating southward beyond the United States in winter.

652b. **Dendroica æstiva rubiginosa** (PALL.).

Alaskan Yellow Warbler.

Motacilla rubiginosa PALLAS, Zoogr. Rosso-Asiat. I (1811?), 1831, 496.

Dendroica æstiva rubiginosa OBERHOLSER, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 76.

[B 203, *part*, C 70, *part*, R 93, *part*, C 111, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Alaska and British Columbia, southward through western United States in migration.

654a. **Dendroica cærulescens cairnsi** COUES.

Cairns's Warbler.

Dendroica cærulescens cairnsi COUES, World's Cong. on Orn. of 1893, Nov. 1896, 138.

Dendroica cærulescens cairnsi COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 97.

[B 193, *part*, C 76, *part*, R 94, *part*, C 117, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Higher parts of the Alleghanies, from Virginia to Georgia.

SUBGENUS **CHAMÆTHLYPIS** RIDGW.

Chamæthlypis RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 1887, 525. Type, *Geothlypis poliocephala* BAIRD.

(Accidentally omitted from the Check-List, 2d ed., 1895.)

II. CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE.

- 13a. **Fratercula arctica glacialis** (TEMME) Check-List, 2d ed 1895, 5.

The first reference should be as in the original edition, viz.: *Mormon glacialis* "LEACH," TEMME. Man. d'Orn. 2d ed. II, 1820, 933. (Cf. STONE, Auk, XIII, Apr. 1896, 185; ALLEN, *ibid.* 189.)

89. **Puffinus major** FABER. This becomes
Puffinus gravis (O'REILLY).

Procellaria gravis O'REILLY, Voy. to Greenland, etc. 1818, 140, pl. 12, fig. 1.

Puffinus gravis SALVIN, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXV, 1896, 373.

The name *gravis* O'REILLY (1818) has four years' priority over *major* FABER (1822).

93. **Puffinus gavia** (FORST.). This becomes
Puffinus opisthomelas COUES.

Puffinus opisthomelas COUES, Proc. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. 1864, 139, 144.

Considered as specifically distinct from *Puffinus gavia* (FORST.). (Cf. RIDGWAY, Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 60; SALVIN, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXV, 1896, 380.)

- 114.1. **Sula gossi** GOSS. This will stand as
Sula nebouxii MILNE-EDWARDS.

Sula nebouxii MILNE-EDWARDS, Ann. Soc. Nat. Zool. 52, Ann. VI, Ser. T, XIII, 1882, No. 2-4, Art. 4, 37, pl. xiv.

The name *nebouxii* MILNE-EDWARDS has priority over *gossi* GOSS. (Cf. RIDGWAY, Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 584.)

GENUS **CLANGULA** LEACH (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 55).

This becomes

GENUS **HARELDA** STEPHENS.

Harelda STEPHENS (ex LEACH, MS.?) in Shaw's Gen. Zool. XII, pt. ii, 1824, 174. Type, *Anas glacialis* LINN. (1766= *A. hyemalis* LINN. 1758).

154. ***Clangula hyemalis*** LINN. hence becomes

Harelda hyemalis (LINN.).

Anas hyemalis LINN. S. N. ed. 10, I, 1758, 126.

Harelda hiemalis L. BREHM, Vogelfang, 1855, 386.

GENUS **GLAUCIONETTA** STEJNEGER (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 54). This becomes

GENUS **CLANGULA** LEACH.

Clangula LEACH, in Ross's Voy. Discov. 1819, App. xlviii, (ex GESNER). Type, *Anas clangula* LINN. (Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1895, 376.)

151. ***Glaucionetta clangula americana*** (BONAP.) hence becomes

Clangula clangula americana BONAP.

Clangula americana BONAP. Geog. & Comp. List, 1838, 58.

Clangula clangula americana A. O. U. COMM. MS.

152. ***Glaucionetta islandica*** (GMEL.) becomes

Clangula islandica (GMEL.).

Anas islandica GMEL. S. N. I, 1788, 541.

Clangula islandica BONAP. Cat. Met. Ucc. Eur. 1842, 74.

163. ***Oidemia americana*** SW. & RICH. The authority should be SWAINS. Hence,

Oidemia americana SWAINS. The reference should stand as follows:

Oidemia americana SWAINS. in SWAINS. & RICH. Faun. Bor.-Amer. II, 1831, 450.

(Cf. STONE, Auk, XIII, Apr. 1896, 186, and ALLEN, *ibid.* 190.)

167. ***Erismatura rubida*** (WILS.). This becomes

Erismatura jamaicensis (GMEL.).

Anas jamaicensis GMEL. Syst. Nat. I, ii, 1788, 519.

Erismatura jamaicensis SALVAD. Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1896, 445.

The name *Anas rubida* WILSON (1814) is antedated by *A. jamaicensis* GMELIN (1788).

SUBGENUS **STEGANOPUS** VIEILLOT (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 83).

This is raised to a full genus. No. 224 will hence stand as

224. **Steganopus tricolor** VIEILL

Steganopus tricolor VIEILL. Nouv. Dict. d'Hist. Nat. XXXII, 1819, 136.

SUBGENUS **SQUATAROLA** CUVIER (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 99).

This is raised to a full genus. Hence No. 270 will stand as

270. **Squatarola squatarola** (LINN.).

Tringa squatarola LINN. S. N. ed. 10, 1758, 149.

Squatarola squatarola CUV. Règne Anim. I, 1817, 467.

[322.] **Geotrygon martinica** (LINN.). This becomes
Geotrygon chrysia BONAP.

Geotrygon chrysia BONAP. Consp. Av. II, 1854, 72.

Geotrygon martinica (LINN.) is restricted to the Lesser Antilles. *G. chrysia*, a very different species, occurs in Cuba, Haiti, the Bahamas, and on the Florida Keys. (Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXI, 1893, pp. 570-572.)

394b. **Dryobates pubescens oreocæsus** BATCH. This becomes
Dryobates pubescens homorus (CAB.).

Dryobates homorus CABANIS, Mus. Hein. pt. iv, 1863, 65.

Dryobates pubescens homorus RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 597.

422. **Cypseloides niger** (GMEL.). This becomes

Cypseloides niger borealis (KENNERLY).

Cypselus borealis KENNERLY, Proc. Ac. Nat. Sci. Phila. 1857, 202.

Cypseloides niger borealis DREW, Auk, II, Jan. 1885, 17.

[B 108, part, C, 270, R 350, part, C 404.]

GEOG. DIST.—Rocky Mountain region (Colorado), west to the Pacific coast; north to British Columbia, and south to Lower California, Mexico, and Costa Rica.

453. **Myiarchus mexicanus** (KAUP). The second reference under this species should be

Myiarchus mexicanus LAWRENCE, Ann. Lyc. N. Y. IX, May, 1869, 202 (as in the orig. ed. of the Check-List). (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 92.)

- * 465 **Empidonax acadicus** (GMEL.).

Acadian Flycatcher.

This has become

Empidonax virescens (VIEILL.).

Green-crested Flycatcher.

(Cf. BREWSTER, Auk, XII Apr. 1895, 157. Also Check-List, 2d ed. 1895, p. 188.)

- * 466. **Empidonax pusillus** (SWAINS.).

Little Flycatcher.

This has become

Empidonax traillii (AUD.).

Traill's Flycatcher.

(Cf. BREWSTER, Auk, XII, Apr. 1895, 159. Also Check-List, 2d. ed. 1895, 188.)

- * 466a. **Empidonax pusillus traillii** (AUD.).

Traill's Flycatcher.

This has become

Empidonax traillii alnorum BREWST.

Alder Flycatcher.

(Cf. BREWSTER, Auk, XII, Apr. 1895, 161. Also Check-List, 2d ed. 1895, 188.)

- 474j. **Otocoris alpestris pallida** TOWNSEND. The authority should be DWIGHT, and the reference changed to

Otocoris alpestris pallida DWIGHT (ex TOWNS. MS.), Auk, VII, Apr. 1890, 154. (Cf. STONE, Auk XIII, Apr. 1896, 185, and ALLEN, *ibid*, 188.)

- 498a. **Agelaius phoeniceus sonoriensis** RIDGW. This becomes

Agelaius phoeniceus longirostris (SALVAD.).

Agelaius longirostris SALVAD. Atti del Reale Accad. Sci. Torino, IX, Apr. 26, 1874, 632.

Agelaius phoeniceus longirostris RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 370.

The name *longirostris* SALVADORI (1874) antedates *sonoriensis* RIDGWAY (1887). (Cf. RIDGWAY, *l. c.*)

499. **Agelaius gubernator** (WAGL.). This becomes

Agelaius gubernator californicus NELSON.

Agelaius gubernator californicus NELSON, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 59.

[B 402, *part*, C 212a, *part*, R 216a, *part*, C 317, *part*.]

- 567b. **Junco hyemalis shufeldti** COALE. This becomes

Junco hyemalis connectens COUES.

Junco hiemalis connectens COUES, Key N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1884, 378 (and later eds.); Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 94. (Cf. COUES, Auk, *l. c.*)

568. **Junco annectens** BAIRD.

Pink-sided Junco.

- 568.1. **Junco ridgwayi** MEARNS.

Ridgway's Junco.

Junco ridgwayi MEARNS proves to be a synonym of *Junco annectens* BAIRD, but not the *J. annectens* of recent authors and of the Check-List, while the species commonly known as *J. annectens* requires a new name. (Cf. RIDGWAY, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 94.)

Hence Nos. 568 and 568.1 will stand as follows:

568. **Junco mearnsi** RIDGWAY.

Pink-sided Junco.

568.1. **Junco annectens** BAIRD.

Ridgway's Junco.

GENUS **ARREMONOPS** RIDGWAY.

Arremonops RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 434.
Type, *Embernagra rufivirgata* LAWR.

586. **Embernagra rufivirgata** LAWR. hence becomes
Arremonops rufivirgata (LAWR.).

Embernagra rufivirgata LAWR. Ann. Lyc. N. Y. V, May, 1851,
112, pl. v, fig. 2.

Arremonops rufivirgata RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed.
1896, 435.

GENUS **OREOSPIZA** RIDGWAY.

Oreospiza RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896, 439.
Type, *Fringilla chlorura* AUD.

590. **Pipilo chlorurus** (TOWNS. = AUD.) hence becomes
Oreospiza chlorura (AUD.).

Fringilla chlorura AUD. Orn. Biog. V, 1839, 336.

Oreospiza chlorura RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds., 2d ed., 1896,
605.

The authority for the specific name should be AUDUBON and not TOWNSEND, in accordance with the rule followed by the Committee in other similar cases in the revised edition of the Check-List. (Cf. STONE, Auk, XIII, Apr. 1896, 185; ALLEN, *ibid.* 188).

594. **Pyrrhuloxia sinuata** BONAP. This becomes

594a. **Pyrrhuloxia sinuata texana** RIDGW.

Texas *Pyrrhuloxia*.

Pyrrhuloxia sinuata texana RIDGW. Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897,
95.

[B 389, *part*, C 202, *part*, R 243, *part*, C 298, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Southern border of the United States, from the valley of the Lower Rio Grande, south to San Luis Potosi, Puebla, etc. North casually to the coast of Louisiana.

594a. **Pyrrhuloxia sinuata beckhami** RIDGW. This becomes

594. **Pyrrhuloxia sinuata** BONAP.

Arizona Pyrrhuloxia.

The references stand as at present under No. 594, but the concordance and GEOG. DIST. require to be changed, as follows:

[B 389, *part*, C 202, *part*, R 243, *part*, C 298, *part*.]

GEOG. DIST.—Southern Arizona, east to western Texas, and south into western Mexico.

GENUS **Habia** REICH. (Check-List, 2d ed. p. 250). This becomes

GENUS **ZAMELODIA** COUES.

Zamelodia COUES, Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, V, Apr. 1880, 98.

Type, *Loxia ludoviciana* LINN. (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 39-42.)

Hence the following:

595. **Habia ludoviciana** (LINN.). This becomes

Zamelodia ludoviciana (LINN.).

Loxia ludoviciana LINN. S. N. ed. 12, I, 1766, 306.

Zamelodia ludoviciana COUES, Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, V, Apr. 1880, 98.

596. **Habia melanocephala** (SWAINS.). This becomes

Zamelodia melanocephala (SWAINS.).

Guiraca melanocephala SWAINS. Philos. Mag. I, 1827, 438.

Zamelodia melanocephala COUES, Bull. Nutt. Orn. Club, V, Apr. 1880, 98.

645. **Helminthophila ruficapilla** (WILS.). This becomes

Helminthophila rubricapilla (WILS.).

Sylvia rubricapilla WILS Amer. Orn. VI, 1812, 15.

Helminthophila rubricapilla FAXON, Auk, XIII, July, 1896, 264.

Sylvia ruficapilla WILS. (1810), is preoccupied by *Sylvia ruficapilla* LATH. (1790) = *Dendroica ruficapilla* (LATH.). (Cf. FAXON, l. c.)

645a. ***Helminthophila ruficapilla gutturalis*** RIDGW. hence becomes

Helminthophila rubricapilla gutturalis (RIDGW.).

Helminthophaga ruficapilla var. *gutturalis* RIDGW. in Hist. N. Am. Bds. I, Jan. 1874, 191.

Helminthophila rubricapilla gutturalis FAXON, Auk, XIII, July, 1896, 264.

658. ***Dendroica cærulea*** (WILS.). This becomes
Dendroica rara WILS.

Sylvia rara WILSON, Am. Orn. III, 1811, 119, pl. 27, fig. 2.

Dendroica rara RIDGWAY, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 97.

Sylvia cærulea WILSON (1811) is preoccupied by *Sylvia cærulea* LATHAM (1790) = *Poliophtila cærulea* (LINN.). (Cf. RIDGWAY, l. c.)

*714. ***Heleodytes affinis*** (XANTUS). This has become

713b. ***Heleodytes brunneicapillus affinis*** (XANTUS).

(Cf. ANTHONY, Auk, XII, July, 1895, 280. Also Check-List, 2d ed. 1895, 296).

719b. ***Thryothorus bewickii bairdi*** (SALV. & GODM.). This becomes

Thryothorus bewickii leucogaster BAIRD.

Thryothorus bewickii leucogaster BAIRD, Rev. Am. Bds. Aug. 1864, 127.

Changed on the ground that a prior *Troglodytes leucogaster* GOULD (1836 = *Hemiura leucogastra*) does not preclude the use of the name *leucogaster* in the genus *Thryothorus*. (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIII, Oct. 1896, 345.)

- 726a. ***Certhia familiaris alticola* MILLER.** This becomes
***Certhia familiaris albescens* (BERLEPSCH).**

Certhia mexicana albescens BERLEPSCH, Auk, V, Oct. 1888,
450.

Certhia familiaris albescens OBERHOLSER, Auk, XIII, Oct. 1896,
315.

739. ***Parus cinctus obtectus* (CAB.).** This becomes
***Parus cinctus alascensis* (PRAZAK).**

Pæcila cincta alascensis PRAZAK, Orn. Jahrb. VI, March-April,
1895, 92.

- 766a. ***Sialia sialis azurea* (SWAINS.).** The authority should be
changed to BAIRD, as given in the first reference under this
name in the Check-List, 2d ed. p. 322. (But "1884" in the
reference should be 1864.) (Cf. RIDGWAY, Man. N. Am. Bds.
1887, 581.)

III.—CONSIDERED AS NOT ENTITLED TO RECOGNITION.

***Callipepla gambelii deserticola* STEPHENS,** Auk, XII, Oct.
1895, 371.

Considered as not separable from *Callipepla gambelii* (GAMB.).

***Bubo virginianus occidentalis* STONE,** Auk, XIII, Apr.
1896, 155.

Not admitted, on the ground that the type, from Mitchell
County, Iowa, proves to be an intergrade between *B. virginianus*
and *B. v. arcticus*, and not the interior form which Mr. Stone in-
tended to recognize.

***Melanerpes formicivorus aculeatus* MEARNs,** Auk, VII,
July, 1890, 249. (Cf. Third Supplement A. O. U. Check-List, in
Auk, Jan. 1891, 88, and RIDGWAY, Man. N. Am. Bds. 2d ed. 1896,
597). This is now referred to *Melanerpes formicivorus* (SWAINS.).
(Cf. *antea*, p. 120.)

Otocoris alpestris hoyti BISHOP, Auk, XIII, April, 1896, 130.

Considered as not sufficiently distinct from *Otocoris alpestris leucolæma* (COUES).

Junco danbyi COUES, Nidologist, III, Oct. 1895, 14.

Proves to have been based on immature examples of *Junco aikeni* RIDGW. (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 94.)

Minus [*sic*] **carolinensis grisifrons** [*sic*] MAYNARD, Bds. East. N. Am. pt. 40 [1896], 710.

The alleged character of gray frontlet is not distinctive, being of frequent occurrence in *Galeoscoptes carolinensis* from any locality.

IV. PROPOSED CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE REJECTED.

92. **Puffinus auduboni** FINSCH, *vs.* **Puffinus obscurus** (GMEL.). Cf. SALVIN, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXV, 1896, 382.

Change not required, the two names representing, in the opinion of the Committee, two sufficiently distinct birds.

Genus **Aythya** BOIE, *vs.* **Nyroca** FLEMING. Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1895, 334.

Aythia is rejected by SALVADORI because not defined.

Genus **Actitis** ILLIGER, 1811, *vs.* **Tringoides** BONAP. 1831. Cf. SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXIV, 1896, 456.

The type of *Actitis* is, by elimination, *Tringa hypoleucos* LINN., which is also the type of *Tringoides*, of much later date.

236. **Tringa couesi** (RIDGW.), *vs.* **Arquatella maritima couesi** (RIDGW.). Cf. SHARPE. *t. c.*, 583.

243a. **Tringa alpina pacifica** COUES, *vs.* **Tringa americana** (CASSIN). Cf. SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXIV, 1896, 608.

Tringa alpina, var. *americana* CASSIN (1858) is antedated by *Tringa americana* BREHM (1855 = *Tringa fuscicollis* VIEILL.).

374a. **Megascops flammeola idahoensis** MERRIAM *vs.* **Megascops idahoensis**. Cf. WM. PALMER, Nidologist, III, May, 1896, 103.

After careful reconsideration of the case, it was decided not to change the status of the bird as now recognized in the Check-List.

375 a. **Bubo virginianus subarcticus** (Hoy).

This proves to be a synonym of *Bubo virginianus arcticus* (SWAINS.). (Cf. STONE, Auk, XIII, Apr. 1896, 153-156.)

378a. **Speotyto cunicularia floridana** RIDGW. *vs.* **Speotyto floridana**. Cf. WM. PALMER, Auk, XIII, April, 1896, 108.

An examination of a large amount of material from Florida and from the central and western parts of North America shows that while the Florida form, as at present known, is geographically isolated from that of the Great Plains and the western United States at large, the differences between the two forms are so slight and inconstant that the relationship of the Florida form to the western one is most satisfactorily expressed by the use of a trinomial, as in the Check-List.

Genus **Lucar** COUES *ex* BARTRAM (Cf. COUES, Auk, XIV, Jan. 1897, 97.)

Rejected as being not only practically a *nomen nudum*, but as debarred under Canons XLIV and XLV of the A. O. U. Code, which require that names shall be identifiable by the contemporary literature of the subject.

Many proposed changes of names not here formally treated are covered by the following resolution, adopted by the Committee at its session in Cambridge, Nov. 13, 1896.

"*Resolved:* That changes of names from those adopted in the Check-List, due to taking the 12th instead of the 10th edition of Linnæus's 'Systema Naturæ' as the starting point for the law of priority, do not require consideration by this Committee."

This has especial relation to cases occurring in Vols. XXIV, XXV, and XXVII of the 'Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus.'

V. CASES DEFERRED.

86a. *Fulmarus glacialis minor* (KJÆRB.) vs. *Fulmarus glacialis*. Cf. SALVIN, Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus. XXV, 1896, 426.

86b. *Fulmarus glacialis glupischa* STEJN. vs. *Fulmarus glupischa*. Cf. SALVIN, *t. c.* 427.

86c. *Fulmarus glacialis rodgersi* (CASS.) vs. *Fulmarus rodgersi*. Cf. SALVIN, *t. c.* 427.

Fulmarus glacialis columba ANTHONY, Auk, XII, 1895, 372.

85. *Puffinus borealis* CORY vs. *Puffinus kuhli* (BOIE). Cf. SALVIN *t. c.* 375.

94. *Puffinus stricklandi* RIDGW. vs. *Puffinus griseus* (GMEL.). Cf. SALVIN, *t. c.* 386.

148. *Aythya marila nearctica* STEJN. vs. *Aythya marila* (LINN.). Cf. BISHOP, Auk, XII, July, 1895, 293.

Oidemia carbo (PALLAS). Reported as occurring in Alaska. Cf. SALVADORI, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXVII, 1895, 412.

277a. *Ægialitis meloda circumcincta* RIDGW. vs. *Ægialitis meloda* (ORD). Cf. SHARPE, Cat. Bds. Br. Mus. XXIV, 1896, 294.

Speotyto cunicularia obscurus STEPHENS, Auk, XII, Oct. 1895, 372.

Dryobates villosus montanus ANTHONY, Auk, XIII, Jan. 1896, 32.

While this subspecies is admissible, the tenability of the name *montanus* is in question.